

Reg 9 – EPA and COE coordination – Note from Jeanne G.

Our transportation team (lead by Connell) does nepa/404 all the time. She's a good one to talk to about example projects. On the mining side, Rosemont is a good example – tons of coordination there.

Reg 3 – Barbara Rudnick – NEPA/404 examples

A few projects come to mind where the 404 permitting process/or at least collection of information that would be used in permit application and NEPA were aligned and pretty effective for both projects.

Really recent: VDOT/FHWA Hampton Roads Crossing Study DEIS and FEIS. They probably could have done more for wetland functions and values, but the fact that they collected information through an agreed upon functional assessment method is a milestone for VDOT. They also selected the least environmentally damaging alt (ok, the cheapest and likely the only one they could fiscally move... but that's under the table)

An old, but I'll give anyway, since it was the study that was used as a prop this week by the administration, thrown on the floor with the statement that that no one reads 10K pages of assessment: the ICC in Maryland EIS. A landmark study that delicately combined NEPA and 404, a little different than our agreed Maryland merged process, but to allow concurrence on all milestones, collection of data on resources, allowed for 404 permit application with mitigation already identified, as well as Green Highway/ Environmental Stewardship considerations. OK, a dog project, goes through the Montgomery Co parks, planned in the 1950's, enormous objections from communities and environmental groups, but was done as good as a dog can get. The EIS was out in two years.

I can give others. Let me know what you need.

Thanks

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